

We as Americans benefit greatly, and we can do more to make sure that others get the same rights and freedoms we enjoy in this great country.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Terry Sanders, Victory House Ministry, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

For this great assembly of leaders, Lord, we come today to ask for your guidance, wisdom, and support for our Nation.

Help us to engage in meaningful discussions, and allow us to grow closer as our Nation's leaders and to nurture this Nation.

Fill us with Your grace, God, as we make decisions that may affect our Nation and the world.

Continue to remind us that all we do here today, all that we accomplish in our Nation, is for the pursuit of freedom, for Your greater glory, and for the service of humanity.

We ask all these things in Your name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MAST led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND TERRY SANDERS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the great honor of welcoming Reverend Terry Sanders and his wife, Rhonda.

Reverend Sanders traveled here from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he is the founder, CEO, and director of Genesis House Ministry, a ministry created to help men leaving the prison system move through a recovery process within a supportive environment, enabling them to transition back to society. His ministry has been helpful in battling the fight against the opioid crisis we face in America today.

The Genesis House, at its core, is a resident house where clients receive far more than a warm bed. Rather than sending former inmates aimlessly into the streets, the ministry provides counseling, mentoring, job skill development, substance abuse programming, job placement services, and family integration assistance.

Reverend Sanders has been working as the chaplain of the Fayette County Prison for more than 10 years and knows firsthand prison release qualifications and what it takes to make a difference in the lives of men.

The ministry opened its doors in 2014 and is a result of Reverend Sanders' desire to make a difference in the community.

I am grateful that Reverend Sanders is able to join us here today, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep and sincere appreciation for the great work he and his team are doing in western Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMER). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

YEARS OF TERROR IN EUROPE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is sad many Americans have forgotten the ongoing global war on terrorism declared against Western families by war fatwas in 1996 and 1998, as displayed at the entrance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.

In the last year, there has been a year of terror in Europe, as reported by The Washington Times on Friday. Beginning in defiance of the anniversary of Bastille Day on July 14, 2016, at Nice, France, with 86 people murdered, it continued with attacks in Berlin, Germany, on July 18; Ansbach, Germany, on July 24; Reutlingen, Germany, on July 24; Normandy, France, on July 26; Berlin, Germany, on December 19; Istanbul, Turkey, on January 1; London, England, on March 22; Stockholm, Sweden, on April 7; Paris, France, on April 20; Manchester, Eng-

land, on May 22; and London, England, on June 3.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. We will never forget the 85 men and women murdered in the AMIA Jewish Center bombing in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I am grateful President Donald Trump is taking actions to protect American families.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MASJID AL-HAQQ ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Masjid Al-Haqq in Newark, New Jersey, on its 25th anniversary.

Founded on June 18, 1992, and headed by Imam Muhammad, Masjid Al-Haqq has dedicated 25 years of service to the community, and I want to thank them for an outstanding job.

Masjid Al-Haqq provides the most reputable Muslim journal newspapers on a weekly basis in the city of Newark, without fake news, and sends a large contingent of Newark Muslims to the Muslim Convention held in Chicago each year during Labor Day weekend.

Every December, the Masjid also holds a "Time to Reflect" weekend, where the community gathers for workshops and family activities. The services they provide impact the lives of many around our community.

I once again offer my sincere congratulations for a job well done. Happy 25th anniversary.

HONORING FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

(Mr. MAST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the four Fulbright scholarship recipients from Florida's 18th Congressional District.

The Fulbright scholarship is a competitive, merit-based grant program for international educational exchange. Each year, the program grants students the opportunity to study, research, or teach abroad.

Dr. Nancy Ackles of Juno Beach, Amanda Fleming of West Palm Beach, Dr. Jan Fritz of Palm City, and Laura O'Connor of Jupiter are all recipients of this prestigious honor.

Dr. Ackles will be traveling to Uzbekistan to teach English; Ms. Fleming will be living in Asia, working to enhance communication with the Vietnamese people; Dr. Fritz will be spending her time in Hungary as a sociology scholar; and Ms. O'Connor will be working in Spain as she teaches English to the local community.

On behalf of the 18th Congressional District of Florida, I want to again congratulate these outstanding students and scholars for receiving the

2018 Fulbright scholarship. I am proud to represent them in Congress.

FIX IT, DON'T NIX IT

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, Arizonans I have spoken with are stressed and anxious as they watch politicians in Washington threaten to take away their health coverage.

While the Senate's misguided repeal and replace proposal has been defeated, we cannot rest. The newest repeal plan is irresponsible and will endanger the health and well-being of my constituents. It will send premiums and coverage costs skyrocketing and slash funding for rural and Tribal health clinics, forcing them to close.

There are 1.9 million Arizonans who rely on Medicaid and could be at risk of losing their coverage. Of those, more than 45,000 are Arizona veterans. More than 1 million Arizonans with pre-existing conditions would lose vital protections that ensure they have access to affordable coverage.

Mr. Speaker, these are our children, our loved ones, our families, and our friends. We cannot stand here and play politics with their health. We must work together to stabilize the insurance markets and develop a long-term solution that improves our healthcare system. We need to include the public in this discussion. We owe them a better plan.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to fix it, not nix it.

MEDICARE FRAUD

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on the issue of fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

Medicare is absolutely critical for seniors in my district and across the country. Not only is Medicare fraud an affront to hardworking taxpayers, it hurts the millions of seniors who rely on the program.

Last week, the HHS inspector general announced the largest healthcare fraud takedown in history: 412 defendants were charged nationwide, including more than 80 cases in Florida, for Medicare fraud totaling about \$1.3 billion in losses. That is why I introduced much-needed legislation to strengthen penalties against those who commit fraud in the Medicare program.

The Medicare Civil and Criminal Penalties Update Act, H.R. 3245, cracks down on Medicare fraud and abuse by increasing civil and criminal fines. We must ensure the Medicare program is strong and sustainable for today's and tomorrow's beneficiaries.

LET'S FIX HEALTHCARE TOGETHER

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican healthcare plan, TrumpCare, has fallen apart in the Senate, naturally.

After 7 months in office attempting to govern exclusively on their own, Republicans have shown once again that they can't govern. They control the House, the Senate, and the White House.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act is their primary goal and signature achievement. They can't do it. Why? Because the American people get in the way. They said "no," and enough Members of the Senate have responded to that.

But now the Republican plan looks like it is to simply repeal the Affordable Care Act with no replacement. It will take us back to a time where you could have an annual or lifetime cap and could not get insurance if you had a preexisting condition. Thirty-two million people would lose their healthcare coverage overnight.

That is the Republican plan?

We need to work together. We need to come together and fix the problems that we see and not make this such a partisan issue.

WELL-DESERVED HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Chris Coborn on his recent induction into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame.

Every year, Twin Cities Business honors successful businessmen and -women in Minnesota who have displayed strong leadership and a unique vision.

During his time as president and CEO of Coborn's, Chris Coborn has helped build this family business, which was established in 1921, to 54 full-service supermarkets across Minnesota and North Dakota, in addition to their 70 convenience and liquor stores.

Proving himself a true visionary, Chris expanded Coborn's even more when he obtained an online grocery delivery business. While, at the time, it was seen as a controversial move, Chris had the foresight to go where the market was going for his customers. Decisions like this are exactly why Chris has been selected to join the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame.

Chris Coborn is a business leader in Minnesota and beyond. He truly deserves this recognition and honor.

RETIREMENT OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPHINE YENKE

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Chief Master Sergeant Josephine Yenke's retirement, after 28 years of honorable service to our Nation in the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and Air National Guard, to her home in Hawaii.

Chief Yenke began her service in Hawaii with Headquarters Pacific Air Forces in 1998 and has contributed significantly, making a long-lasting impact on our troops, servicemembers, and country, including mobilizing support for deploying troops through our country's long period in conflict.

Chief Yenke recently retired as the headquarters individual reservist readiness and integration organization detachment two superintendent at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, where she served as the key senior enlisted adviser, assisting the commander with managing and directing personnel resource activities for over 400 reservists.

Chief Yenke has given many years of her life in the service of our country and embodies the skills and expertise that our Reserve component servicemembers bring to our total force.

Our grateful Nation thanks Josephine for her and her family's service and sacrifice, and we wish her the very best as she begins this new chapter in her life.

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF WEST VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN YODER

(Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of West Virginia's Circuit Court Judge John Yoder, who passed away on June 7, 2017.

Judge Yoder served on the 23rd Judicial Circuit, which included Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties in the eastern panhandle of the Second Congressional District, which I represent. He practiced law in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, for 23 years.

Judge Yoder earned a bachelor of arts degree at Chapman University, and then studied law at the University of Kansas. He also obtained an MBA at the University of Chicago.

John Yoder was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 to serve as the director of the asset forfeiture office for the U.S. Department of Justice. He continued his distinguished career as a public servant, including two stints as a West Virginia State senator before being elected as circuit court judge.

Judge Yoder is one of the early pioneers of State drug courts and was well known for his big heart and compassion. I join all West Virginians in keeping Judge Yoder's family and friends in our prayers. He will truly be missed.